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Applicants: Shigeki FUJIHARA et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2004 n the above application. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and the remarks that follow. All claim cancellations and/or amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. A petition for extension of time is submitted herewith along with the necessary fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.